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SUMMARY

The Senegal exercise in co-operation has its basis and specific form in the participation of the State in the creation and life of the co-operatives and of the pre-co-operative organisations.

State participation is intended to vanish progressively when the co-operators (who are mostly illiterate) have - as the result of an educational programme undertaken by the Senegal government - acquired that maturity which will render them capable of taking over themselves the conduct of their own affairs.

In anticipation of this desired result it is necessary meantime to organise the bulk of the Senegalese and particularly the rural masses, the most deprived of all, in order to mobilise them for a rapid advance.

The State organs such as the Rural Action, the Rural Expansion Centres, the Department of Co-operation, the Regional Centres Development Assistance (CRAD), the Agricultural Marketing Office (OCA) and the Senegalese Development Bank (B.S.D.) have been created each to render assistance and technical aid to the Senegalese rural community in the first place, but with the desire also to extend this aid and assistance to every stratum of society.

